

# meerkat badges to do from home

have fun little meerkats!



Dear Meerkats and Meerkat parents,

Lockdown is in full operation and we hope you are all staying home, washing your hands and helping your family to keep everything nice and clean.

In order to keep you all busy and entertained we have put together a few project ideas and badges you could complete from home. There are lots more in the badge book that you can find like the Technology badge, Hobby badge, etc.. Find them all [HERE](#).

You can also ask your mom, dad or guardian to chat to your Rafiki / Den Scouter / person in charge of your Meerkat Den to see what badges they have planned to work on, and start those at home.

## make a thank you card

While we are at home, there are people who are out there working hard to make sure we can still buy food and get medicine when we need it. Member of the army and police officers are trying to keep us all safe and stop the spread of COVID-19 and doctors, paramedics and nurses are helping those who are sick.

So little Meerkats, why don't you make a lovely "Thank You card" for them? You can use crayons, paint, pencils, make a collage, etc... Use your imagination and make it bright and colourful! Then your mom or dad could drop it off at the shop when doing the groceries, or take a photo of your card and send it to people in their communities that they know are on the frontline.

We would also love to see the cards you are making. If possible please email them to [craig.rens@scouts.org.za](mailto:craig.rens@scouts.org.za) and we can share them on the national thank you card gallery. Remember to share your name and your Den too.

## meerkat national challenge

All over the world "mini Scouts" are helping the Cubs, Scouts, Rovers and Adult Volunteers create a better world by addressing Sustainable Development Goals. In South Africa we have created a special challenge for our Meerkats. This challenge is called the National Meerkat Challenge.

You can find it here: **National Meerkat SDG Challenge Badge**

The National Challenge addresses 4 SDGs. During this time of lockdown where there is no school you can be a great help at home and also earn some badges at the same time.

To help your Meerkat complete the challenge we are breaking it down for you. Here is the first part of the challenge that will teach them all about boys and girls and how we are all created equal.

### sdg 5 gender equality: little helper badge

All humans are born equal. In some countries boys are considered to be more important than girls. We know that is not so, and all of us are equal. It's our duty to make sure that girls and boys, women and men, have equal opportunities and rights in every part of life.

As Meerkats we should always “Try our Best” in all we do, and know that girls and boys can both be good little helpers at home. So to complete the SDG5, do the **Little Helper badge** and show how clever you are at household chores.

**Do ALL of the following:**

1. Make a sandwich or snack.
2. Make your bed or keep your sleeping area tidy for one week.
3. Lay out your clothes for the next day.
4. Wash or clean your shoes and have mom/dad/guardian inspect them.
5. Help carry in and put away shopping.
6. With others, keep your home/school environment free from litter.
7. Carry out a daily chore for one week.
8. Dress yourself for two weeks.

**sdg 13 climate action: world around us badge**

Find out who lives on the earth with us by doing the World around us badge. Have fun!

**Do THREE of the following:**

1. Find out something interesting about another country or another part of South Africa and share it with the other Meerkats.
2. Discover facts about two land, two air and two water plants or animals.
3. Learn the importance of water and what we can do to save it.
4. Visit a zoo/park/historical place with parents and other Meerkats. (you could watch an online video or do this part of the badge when lockdown is over)
5. Make contact with Micro Scouts in other countries or Meerkats in your country. (During lockdown, contact another Meerkat from another Region and find out how their lockdown is going. Contact can be made on the inter-Meerkat Group.



A fun activity to do when learning about people around the world is to make a series of friendship chains. Colour them in and your Den Scouter can put them all together when your Den opens again.



Source: Pinterest

## little camper badge

What better to do at home than build a campsite, shelter or a fort? This can be done outside in the yard or inside the house. If you plan it well and do the following things, you can also earn your "Little Camper Badge" whilst having fun at home.

### **DO the following:**

1. Help pack to go camping.  
-> Have a scavenger hunt round the house and collect what you need. You can also use this for a Kim's game later.
2. Sleep in a tent or in the shelter/fort with mom and/or dad for one night.  
-> You can build a blanket fort in your house or garden and sleep in it.
3. Help to get a meal ready in the open air.  
-> Have a BRAAI with your family.
4. Help to wash up after a meal.
5. Go for a walk and find at least three interesting things. Explain why you find them interesting. -> The walk can be in the house or garden, but don't break Mom's precious ornaments!
6. Help keep the tent/shelter/fort and campsite tidy and air your sleeping bag/blanket.
7. Sing songs by the campfire.
8. Switch off the lights and look at the stars and find the brightest one.
9. 10. 11. 12. TAKE PHOTOS and send them to your Den Scouter.

# standing tall

The lockdown means we are all at home. As a Meerkat it is good to be helpful at home and do your part to keep your room and the home clean. If you are working on your Gold Star, this is a badge you need to complete.

## Do ALL of the following:

1. Demonstrate how to set a table or prepare the eating area and clear away the plates after eating.
2. Explain why it is important to wash your hands before eating. (This is super important to do this while the Coronavirus is around)
3. Remember always to say please and thank you.
4. Show respect for others (letter required from responsible adult).
5. Clean your own room or living area and keep it clean for two weeks.
6. Offer to help others without being asked.
7. Give something of yours to a child in need. (Put it aside until lockdown is over)
8. Take care of a new or younger Meerkat at their first Meerkat meeting  
*(You can either help take care of a younger child or a pet at home, or we can do that bit when we get back to Meerkats again)*

## other online ideas that are sure to be fun!

- <https://frugalfun4boys.com/indoor-ball-games-kids/>
- <https://kidsgardening.org/educator-resources/#>
- <https://www.instructables.com/id/How-to-Make-Bagpipes-out-of-a-Garbage-Bag-and-Reco/>
- Salt dough recipe: <https://www.learning4kids.net/2012/12/09/how-to-make-salt-dough-recipe/>

**YouTube** based extension, brain breaks and steam release:

- The Learning Station- song, dance and steam release.
- Scishow Kidz- short and to the point. Covers many concepts. Good extension.
- Just Dance- steam release/ brain break.
- Stem activities - Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics- an American programme but fits well into Scouting with our perspective and skills.
- Barefoot Books- books put to song and animation.
- Sparkle Box every resource is free. It is a teacher based site and does activities suited to a theme.

## **Pinterest:**

Pinterest has so much to offer. Just type in what you are looking for and check out all the fantastic ideas! Granny Meerkat has multiple boards, tracing, colouring in pattern pages, worksheets for various ages. Have a look and see what you can find with the help of your mom, dad or guardian.